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Graphic showing the proposed process to be permitted at Bayou Corne, LA. Seems there is no treatment involved to reduce the contaminants before discharge. Just pump it into a truck, take it to the sinkhole and dump it.

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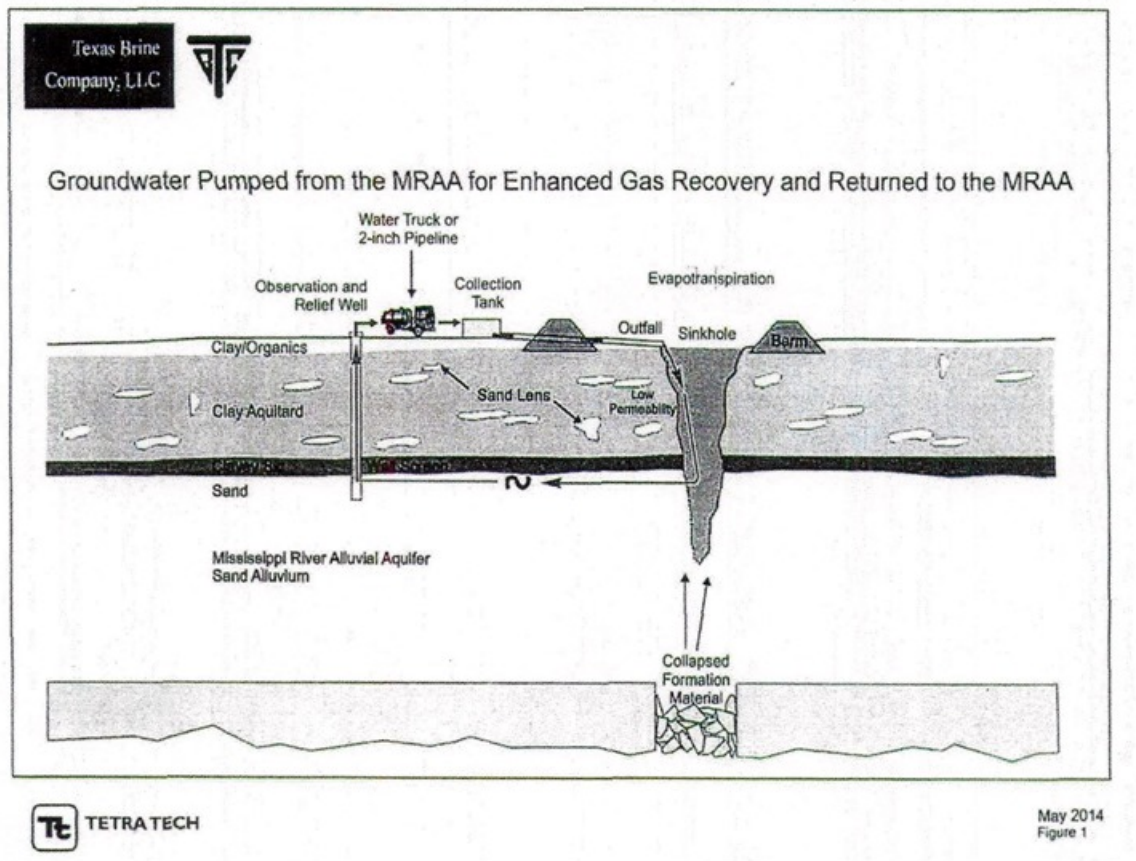
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[This permit has generated new controversy at BC.](#)

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September 9, 2014
PUBLIC HEARING AND REQUEST FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

RE: Draft Water Discharge Permit
AI Number 182981, Permit Number LA0126917, and Activity Number PER20140001



Texas Brine got an emergency permit issued to dump waste water from the vent wells and observation wells back into the sinkhole which is directly connected to the Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer. Texas Brine wants this permit to do this permanently.

Texas Brine considered three alternatives to discharging to the sinkhole for disposal of the relief water: (1) trucking relief water off site, (2) underground injection control (UIC) wells, and (3) industrial reuse. Objections to alternatives were primarily costs. An alternative disposal site at an existing injection well is 13 miles away. Open web site, put AI Number 182981, go down to line 22, Aug 1, 2014 to see permit.
<http://edms.deq.louisiana.gov/app/doc/querydef.aspx>

Texas Brine is calling the water “Relief water”, it is “waste water” being discharged into the Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer. Even in the Public Hearing notice, it is stated that “as with any discharge, however, some change in existing water quality may occur”. In the Public Hearing notice, there **is no** mention that Relief (waste) water will be pumped into the Mississippi River Alluvial Aquifer!

The Hearing:

Started at 6:00PM in Napoleonville. The LA DEQ ran on the video screen the Public Hearing Notice. The microphone kept breaking up, but the Hearing continued. The person running the Hearing asked for any comments from Texas Brine. No comments. The person then asked for those who were in support of the Permit. No comments. Then those residents that were opposed spoke. The microphone continued to break up. Finally after 2 speakers a recess was called to fix the microphone.

The Hearing finally continued. Some of the people that spoke against the Permit were Mike Schaff, Greg Miller, Nara Crowley, Darryl Malek-Wiley and Gloria Conlin. Wilma Subra gave a great presentation. She

reiterated that the Reject/Draft water was Waste water. She also stated that the Bayou Corne sinkhole was a manmade disaster and not an incident or natural disaster.

There were no comments from anyone that supported the Permit, until Bob Deaton, a resident of Bayou Corne, stood up and said he was in support of the Permit looking directly at his friends that were driven out of their homes and community. He had been appointed to the Louisiana Blue Ribbon Committee by the DNR. He stated that he saw no problems with the permit. Later after Wilma Subra had spoken, he returned to the microphone to say that he had not thought about something she said & apparently agreed with her. Bob Deaton had been added later to the web site below.

<http://assumptionla.wordpress.com/2013/03/22/400-p-m-blue-ribbon-commission-named/>

I have been to many Hearings with the DEQ & the DNR. One thing that I have notice, and last night was no different: that the DEQ or DNR people will sit with the company people. I have seen at other Hearings where the DNR people will sit at the table in front of committees with the company men. As Mike Schaff wrote to Secretary of the DEQ, Peggy Hatch, MS. Hatch, I would like to begin by reminding you of your department's Mission Statement: "To provide service to the people of Louisiana through comprehensive environmental protection in order to promote and protect health, safety and welfare..." Yes people, protect the health, safety and welfare of the State of Louisiana!

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